

Trails Assessment Working Group

Meeting Notes

May 13, 2004

The fourth meeting of the Trails Assessment Working Group was convened on May 13, 2004 at 9 AM in the Gila Conference Room at TA-21 –210. Those attending were:

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Summary of Meeting:

This meeting was a continuation of the workshop held on March 31. Working group members in attendance (see above list) reviewed the “stoplight” master trails map and related documentation. Each member prepared a summary for one of the 15 major trails and made an initial recommendation regarding its future status (open, closed, partially or seasonally open). The group made additional comments during each presentation. Dan Pava will prepare a summary and send this out to all working group members for further review and comment prior to the next meeting. This information will provide further direction to the working group to set trail priorities for further trails assessment and management. This will form the basis of a presentation to LANL management with a request for funding future trails work.

The next meeting will be held at 9 AM on Thursday June 10th at the Ecology Group first floor Gila conference room.

The goals of the trails management program are:

- Reduce the risk of damage and injury to property, human life, and health, and sensitive natural and cultural resources from social trail use at LANL
- Facilitate the establishment of a safe, viable network of linked trails across the Pajarito Plateau that traverse land holdings of various private and government entities for recreational use and for alternate transportation purposes without posing a threat to DOE and NNSA mission support work at LANL or disrupting LANL operations.
- Maintain the security of LANL operations.
- Respect the wishes of local Pueblos to maintain access to traditional cultural properties (TCPs) by Pueblo members while also preventing unauthorized public access to adjacent Pueblo lands and other lands identified as both religious and culturally sensitive areas to Native American communities.
- Adapt trail use at LANL to changing conditions and situations in a responsive manner.